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Mexico's Monthly Crop Update, July 2002 2002

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Report Highlights:

FAS/Mexico is maintaining the previous forecasts for MY 2002/03, as official sources indicate that weather in the last few weeks has been fairly normal.

Includes PSD changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Mexico [MX1], MX

The tables below represent the most recent official data published by Mexico's Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries, and Foodstuffs (SAGARPA). USDA does not necessarily concur with SAGARPA's data; however, it is used in these tables so that readers may have a consistent data source as a basis for their analysis. FAS/Mexico's numbers may ultimately vary significantly from those presented below because of input from non-SAGARPA sources.

FORECAST FOR SPRING/SUMMER 2002 HARVEST

Crop	Planted Area Spring/Summer 2002 (1000 has)	Already Harvested Spring/Summer 2002 (1000 has)	Projected Production Spring/Summer 2002 (1000 MT)	Production Harvested Spring/Summer 2002 (1000 MT)
CORN	974	529	4,083	3,587
SORGHUM	933	702	1,728	1,300
WHEAT	557	533	3,079	3019
COTTON*	-	-	-	-
SOYBEANS	1	-	1	-
TOTAL	2,465	1,764	8,891	7,444

* Area on all tables is based on cotton lint (not cottonseed); SAGARPA reports area for the primary crop (i.e., cotton). The production estimate, however, is for cotton seed (there is a separate estimate for fiber which is reported in our annual and voluntary cotton reports).

SOURCE: SAGARPA as of June 30, 2002

COMMENT:

Sorghum: SAGARPA again reports a 7.6 percent decrease in the latest official sorghum production figures, due to the area affected by the heat and drought conditions, especially in Tamaulipas. At this time, FAS/Mexico is maintaining its PS&D estimates (see MX 2037). For the other crops, SAGARPA reports that harvest is keeping pace as scheduled.

FORECAST FOR FALL/WINTER 2002/03 HARVEST

Crop	Planting Intention Fall/ Winter 2002/03 (1000 has)	Already Planted Fall/ Winter 2002/03 (1000 has)	Projected Production Fall/ Winter 2002/03 (1000 MT)
CORN	7,263	3,952	15,742
SORGHUM	1,142	277	3,972
WHEAT	145	40	287
COTTON*	73	40	162
SOYBEANS	109	6	199
TOTAL	8,732	4,315	20,362

* Area on all tables is based on cotton lint (not cottonseed); SAGARPA reports area for the primary crop, i.e., cotton. The production estimate, however, is for cotton seed (there is a separate estimate for fiber which is reported in our annual and voluntary cotton reports).

SOURCE: SAGARPA as of June 30, 2002

FAS/MEXICO'S COMMENTS: SAGARPA reports that the pace of planting has returned to a normal pattern in June, as the weather conditions have been fairly normal. To date, the prospects for the fall/winter 2002/03 harvest are projected to be good. FAS/Mexico is maintaining the PS&D numbers previously reported (see MX2037; MX 2055 and MX2077).